Hymn of the Big Wheel

Massive Attack

[Horace Andy]

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There's a hole in my soul like a cavity Seems like the world is out to gather just by gravity The wheel keeps turning the sky's rearranging Look my son the weather is changing

I'd like to feel that you could be free Look up at the blue skies beneath a new tree Sometime again You'll turn green and the sea turns red My son I said the power of axis over my head The big wheel keeps on turning On a simple line day by day The earth spins on its axis One man struggle while another relaxes

We sang about the sun and danced among the trees And we listened to the whisper of the city on the breeze Will you cry in the most in a lead-free zone Down within the shadows where the factories drone On the surface of the wheel they build another town And so the green come tumbling down Yes close your eyes and hold me tight And i'll show you sunset sometime again

The big wheel keeps on turning On a simple line day by day The earth spins on its axis One man struggle while another relaxes As a child's silent prayer my hope hides in disguise While satellites and cameras watch from the skies An acid drop of rain recycled from the sea It washed away my shadow burnt a hole in me And all the king's men cannot put it back again But the ghetto sun will nurture life And mend my soul sometime again

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